MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : May I know the probable cost of the railway from Quilon to Ernakulam ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) Rs. 1,84,76,407.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Rural*) : Is the member in a position to state the probable annual receipts from that railway ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : May I know on what authority the member says that the railway would be a paying concern?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): That is the general trend of the report.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : May I know whether Government intend revising their views about this line in the light of the recent development of the Cochin Harbour ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : It will be considered.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know whether it was part of the agreement of the Cochin Harbour Scheme that the construction of this railway should be undertaken ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*) : May I know whether Government have any constructive scheme regarding the laying out of new railways in the State ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Not at present.

MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*) : Is there in Travancore any railway expert to give advice in these matters ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*) : Do not the Government think it necessary ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : No.

Kottarakara-Ernakulam Railway.

61. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total amount estimated for opening the Kottarakara-Ernakulam or the Quilon-Ernakulam Railway line ;

(*b*) the preliminary works hitherto done or the action hitherto taken on account of the proposal and the amount hitherto spent on the same ; and

(*c*) whether they propose to begin this work and, if so, when ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The total amount estimated for the opening of the Quilon-Ernakulam line is Rs. 1,84,76,407.

(*b*) No preliminary work has been done or action taken on account of the proposal and no amount spent on the same.

(*c*) Government have not decided the question.

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MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member whether the Government will consider the desirability of utilising the balance of the railway sinking fund for this purpose?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Government have decided not to utilise that fund for this purpose.

Opening of the Virudunagar Railway line.

62. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): With reference to the answer given to a supplementary question to question No. 27, reported at page 216, Vol. I, Sri Chitra State Council Proceedings, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the result of the correspondence made by this Government about the loss sustained by the State on account of the opening of the Virudunagar line of the South Indian Railway;

(*b*) the action, if any, taken by the Government to make good the loss and the result thereof;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the negative, the reason for the same; and

(*d*) the amount and nature of the loss?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The matter is still under correspondence with the Government of India and the Railway Administration.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) In view of the answer to (*a*), these questions do not arise.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member whether this is a recurring loss?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): I rise to a point of order. When one Government member is answering, are other Government members at liberty to instruct him, especially to claim notice?

PRESIDENT: Unless the President over-hears, he will not interfere.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): With reference to answer to part (*a*), may I know how long the matter has been under correspondence now?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): About a year.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know whether the Government raised any objection to the opening of the Virudunagar line or whether the Government, at the time the construction of the line was started, communicated their views on the matter to the railway constructing authority?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Issue of Certificates by Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

63. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the Sub-Assistant Surgeons are competent to conduct post-mortem examination in murder cases;

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